Protection of domestic industries outside SEZ

1641. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no provision has been made in the SEZ Act for protection of indigenous industries from the competition of SEZ units, in so far as the domestic market is concerned;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of proper restriction on the movement of SEZ products to the domestic market, domestic industries outside the SEZ continue to struggle to compete; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative what action Government propose to take to protect the domestic industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) In terms of Section 30 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, any goods removed from a Special Economic Zone to the Domestic Tariff Area shall be chargeable to duties of customs including anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard duties under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, where applicable, as leviable on such goods when imported. This provision is expected to offer reasonable protection to the domestic industries.

(c) Does not arise.

WTO Ministerial meet in Hong Kong

1642. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial meet was held in Hong Kong in December last;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and decisions taken therein; and

(c) whether any policy guidelines were adopted to protect the interest of the farmers in small and developing countries against the protectionist subsidies granted by developed countries for promoting their farmers' interests?